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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
11 Plaintiff,  
12 v.  
13 MICHAEL JOHN SCOTT,  
14 Defendant.  
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NO. CR20-018-RJB

**PROTECTIVE ORDER  
RESTRAINING CERTAIN  
FORFEITABLE PROPERTY**

17 THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the United States' Motion for Entry of  
18 a Protective Order Restraining Certain Forfeitable Property ("Motion") concerning the  
19 following property ("Subject Vehicle"):

- 20 a. A Dodge Ram 2500, VIN No. 3D7UT2CLXBG564155, Washington State  
21 License No. C40349F, seized on or about January 30, 2020 from the  
22 Defendant's residence located in Snohomish, Washington.

23 The Court, having reviewed the papers and pleadings filed in this matter, including  
24 the United States' Motion and the supporting Declaration of Drug Enforcement  
25 Administration ("DEA") Special Agent ("SA") Ryan C. Smith, hereby FINDS entry of a  
26 protective order restraining the Subject Vehicle is appropriate because:

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- The United States gave notice of its intent to pursue forfeiture of the Subject Vehicle in the Forfeiture Bill of Particulars, Dkt. No. 40;
- Based on the facts set forth in the Complaint and SA Smith's Declaration, there is probable cause to believe the Subject Vehicle is subject to forfeiture in this case; and
- To ensure the Subject Vehicle remains available for forfeiture, its continued restraint, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(e)(1), is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The United States' request for a protective order restraining the Subject Vehicle pending the conclusion of this case is GRANTED; and
2. The Subject Vehicle shall remain in the custody of the United States, and/or its authorized agents or representatives, pending the conclusion of criminal forfeiture proceedings and/or further order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.



ROBERT J. BRYAN  
United States District Judge

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